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E.O. 12065: GDS 2-17-85 (LITT, DAVID C.) OR-E
TAGS: PINS, PINR, AF
SUBJECT: DRA ACTIONS OUTSIDE HOTEL DURING AMBASSADOR DUBS' CAPTIVITY

1. (C- ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. FOLLOWING IS ACCOUNT OF IMF REPRESENTATIVE [redacted] WHO WITNESSED THE EVENTS OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE KABUL HOTEL WHILE AMBASSADOR DUBS WAS BEING HELD IN THE HOTEL ROOM.

3. [redacted] TELEPHONED THE EMBASSY AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 A.M., FEBRUARY 14. HE SPOKE WITH EMBOFF DAVID C. LITT.

4. [redacted] SAID HIS OFFICE [redacted] WAS SITUATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE HOTEL AND HE HAD A CLEAR VIEW OF EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON OUTSIDE. HE SAID THREE FIREMEN WITH LADDERS
AND THREE SOLDIERS WITH AK-47 MACHINE GUNS WERE APPARENTLY PREPARING TO SCALE THE WALL UNDERNEATH THE SECOND FLOOR WINDOW OF THE KIDNAPPERS'

HOTEL ROOM.

5. EMBOFF IMMEDIATELY RELAYED THIS TO EMBASSY FRONT OFFICE, AND AT 11:40 TELEPHONE [redacted] THANKING HIM FOR THE INFORMATION. [redacted] SAID THE LADDER WAS NOW AGAINST THE WALL, AND THAT HE WOULD KEEP WATCHING FOR ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES, UNTIL A 12:00 P.M. APPOINTMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR OF THE BANK.

6. AT APPROXIMATELY 12:05 [redacted] CALLED BACK, SAYING THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE GOVERNOR HAD BEEN CANCELLED, THAT HE WAS ABLE TO CONTINUE REPORTING. HE SAID THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE HOTEL WAS NOW COMPLETELY EMPTY. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT FIVE MEN WERE POSITIONED ON A SECOND STORY BALCONY APPROXIMATELY 5-6 WINDOWS AWAY FROM THE ROOM HE BELIEVED THE AMBASSADOR TO BE IN. HE SAID THE MEN WERE CARRYING WEAPONS THAT APPEARED TO BE SHOTGUNS. ONCE AGAIN THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO THE FRONT OFFICE.

7. AT APPROXIMATELY 12:55 WHEN LITT WAS INFORMED OF THE AMBASSADOR'S DEATH, HE CALLED [redacted] TO ASK WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED. [redacted] SAID THE UNIFORMED AFGHANS HAD POSITIONED THEMSELVES ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE HOTEL AND HAD FIRED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS INTO THE HOTEL WINDOW.
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